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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR** (Tedd, KB8NW): Sorry for the shortness of this week's bulletin. The editor's E-mail system (BARF80) developed a problem Friday afternoon and NO E-mail was being delivered. Outgoing mail is working. If you sent something to OPDX, and do not see it in this week's bulletin, please try again. LAST MINUTE UPDATE! As of Sunday, January 9th, around 2300z my E-mail system was restored. However, I was informed that all E-mail sent between Friday afternoon and late Sunday is probably lost.

**3XY, GUINEA.** Robert, **3XY1B0** (ed. yes, this callsign is correct), in **Conakry**, was active this past week on 15 meters CW on 21035 kHz between 1630 and 1730z. QSL via F5XX.

**3Z8, POLAND.** Members of the Polish Radio S.A. in Lublin, southeast Poland (KO11GG) will be active using the special callsign **3Z8IMA**. Activity is to commemorate "**welfare action to bring help in winter to the poor familyless children**", and will be active **until January 31st**. Look for activity by the special station on 160-10 meters CW, SSB, RTTY and AMTOR. This station was spotted this was wekend on 14270 kHz between 1000 and 1500z. QSL via SP8YCB, via the bureau or direct (SP8YCB Club Station, PO Box 403, 20950 Lublin, Poland).

**5Z, KENYA (IOTA DXpedition Update).** Phil, G3SWH, informs OPDX that they have finalized the dates and made the necessary airline and hotel bookings for their forthcoming DXpedition to **Wasini Island** in Kenya (IOTA AF-67). The team will consist of six, experienced DX operators: Jim/G3RTE, David/ G3UNA, Phil/G3SWH, Rob/5Z4RL, Ian/5Z4IC and Graham/5Z4GS. They plan to be active between **March 8-15th** with two stations, one on CW and the other on SSB on a 24 hour a day basis using the special callsign of **5Z4WI**. Propagation permitting, they expect to operate on all bands from 160 to 10 meters, with the exception of 30 meters, which is not presently permitted in Kenya. They have an expedition target of 15,000 QSOs. QSLs will be handled by G3SWH, either direct (QTHR) or via the RSGB bureau.

**8P6, BARBADOS.** "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Richard, G3RWL, will be active **February 14-28th** as **8P6DR** while on holiday. He will be on 20-10 meters, mainly during his

early mornings and late evenings. QSL via G3RWL.

**9N7UD NOW QRT (Wrap-up).** Charlie, K4VUD, left Nepal as of January 6th. He wants to thank everyone who worked him as **XW1UD**, **HS0ZCW**, and **9N7UD**. He mentions that there seemed to be more noise there this time than last time, and 160 meters is a NO NO. If there is to be a real 160/80 meters effort from 9N-land, it will have to be well outside Kathmandu using super antennas and a really BIG linear. Charlie states that his Laos (XW) operation was a joy due to a remote location lacking noise. However, propagation was closed down during the daylight hours. He will order the QSL cards this week. Lastly, Charlie also mentions that his HS0ZCW was also a real joy due to the use of the big station at HS1CHB, with the TH-7 and TH-6 on roof of a 15 story apartment building. Donations to 9N hams have been delivered except for FT-901DM which they held back for fear of seizure in the KTM airplane hijacking aftermath at the same airport. 9N1AC now has the TS-430, a keyer, a tuner, and a G5RV as well as dipoles. Charlie mentions that 9N1AC's incoming mail has been repeatedly slit open, so he is resigned to get a QSL Manager. Volunteer via Carl, N4AA. 9N1AA's FT-757GX receiver went dead recently, so he will use the donated ICOM IC-706MkII until other one is fixed. He will also use the IC-706MkII to try satellite since he now has a satellite antenna too. All mics, power supplies, keyers, keys, etc, are being used by all 9N individuals until they will be brought back to a central spot for the **9N1MM** memorial club station. The club license has been applied for but it may come out as **9N0MM** (zero) due to new Nepali call area zones and club callsign designation. Charlie sends out a huge thanks to all who generously donated gear or green stamps which went for Heil headset and complete adapter set, coax, tuner, Nye Morse keys, and lots of other gear. There are smiles all around among the Nepal hams, and there are at least four regular operators on the bands: 9N1AA, 9N1HA, and 9N1AC, and 9N2AA.

**9U, BURUNDI.** Leif, SM0BFJ/SM5BFJ, reports that Gus, **9U5D**, will go back to Burundi on the **8th of January** and should be active for **3 more months**. Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters. QSL via SM0BFJ/SM5BFJ (Only direct, please).

**HL0, SOUTH KOREA (IOTA DXpedition).** Claude (no callsign mentioned), a student of Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea and a major of electronics engineering, informs OPDX that the members of the "Yonsei Amateur Radio Research Association" (YARRA) will go on a DXpedition to **Kanghwa Island (IOTA AS-105)**, Kyonggido Province group) from **January 13-18th**. Their callsign will be **HL0Y/2**. Kanghwa Island is located in Zone 25 and ITU 44 in the Kyonggido Province of Korea, 100Km West of Seoul, the capital. Activity will be on CW/SSB, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Claude mentions that they will use a TS-450s, TS-440s, IC-735 and a 3OL-1 linear amplifier into dipole antennas for 80 and 40 meters, and a TH7DX 7 element tri-band Yagi for 20, 15 and 10 meters band. Operators will be (no callsigns given): Claude, Jong and Indy (for CW/SSB); and Byuk and Zeo (for SSB only). QSL via the bureau to HL0Y, home callsign or directly to: YARRA, Yonsei University, 134 Shinchon-dong Seodaemoon-gu, Seoul, South Korea

**HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR CONTEST.** Dave, ZS6BXN, wants to remind everyone that the **29th "Hunting Lions In The Air" contest** will take place over the weekend of **January 15-16th**. This contest is held in memory of the founder of Lionism - MELVIN JONES - his birthdate is the 13th of January. All are welcome and all that is required is a signal report plus a serial number. Bands to be used are 80/40/20/15/10 meters SSB only. The contest starts at 0000z January 15th and ends at 2400z January 16th. For more information, check the Web site at: <http://www.jhb.lia.net/midrand-lions/hlita.html>

**II0, ITALY.** It has been reported that amateurs living in **Rome** may substitute the prefix **II0** for their regular prefix (I0, IK0, IW0, IZ0) for the "Jubilee Year" until **December 24, 2000**. QSL via regular Italian callsign.

**MILLENNIUM ACTIVITY.** "The Daily DX" reports that the members of the KARL Branch office of Pohang (HL0FDU) have been given special permission to use the callsign **D90TKY** (Two Kilo Year) to celebrate the Millennium. Look for this station to be active **throughout 2000**. OPDX has found that the QSNs show this station has been active on 15 meters SSB around 21270 kHz after 2300z. QSL via direct to DS5UCP or via the bureau to HL0FDU.

## QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- OOOPPPSS! Ben, PA5BW, reports the following: "On request of Eddy, **5R8FT**, a direct colleague of Solofo at Radio Netherlands Madagascar I have informed several address databases and DX-bulletins that the ONLY address for both stations was Box 404, Antananarivo, Madagascar. But it appears that Eddy didn't know about the manager for Solofo (?!?). So I spread incorrect information, while convinced I was doing something good. So the real situation is:

Solofo Randrenjason, 5R8ET, QSL via K1WY  
Eddy Rahamefy, 5R8FT, P.O.Box 404, Antananarivo-101, Madagascar

My apologies...." Ben Witvliet, PA5BW

- Vic, EA5YN, reports that the QSLs from the **3C0R** operation have been received, and they will begin confirming them about January 10th.
- NOT THE MANAGER. Art, K1VKO, reports that he just received about 2 pounds of cards from the W1 QSL Bureau addressed to him as the QSL manager for **9K2RR**. PLEASE pass the word around "K1VKO is not the QSL Manager for 9K2RR, and has never been the QSL Manager for 9K2RR." If someone gives K1VKO as the QSL Manager you worked a pirate. Art states that this has been going on for about 5 years now.
- NEW MANAGER. Igor, **EU1EU**, informs OPDX that his QSL Manager Valdas, LY1BA, will no longer be his manager as of 12/31/1999. All QSLs will be returned from LY1BA as of January, 2000. Please, send all QSLs for Igor (EU1EU, EV5M, EU930EU, UC2ABO and LY/UC2ABO) ONLY to EU1EU. The route is direct to: P.O. Box 143, Minsk-5, 220005, BELARUS. Also, you can send QSL via the bureau. WARNING! Igor has had problems with the national QSL bureau in 97-98 and has not received QSL cards from the bureau in these years.
- NEW MANAGER. Igor, EU1EU, reports that the manager for the "**AGB Awards and Trophies**" has been changed for amateur radio operators outside of ex-USSR. Valdas, LY1BA, was the manager up through 12/31/1999. The new manager for the "AGB Awards and Trophies" for amateurs outside of ex-USSR is Remigijus, LY2MW (P.O. Box 1029, Vilnius 2001, LITHUANIA). Igor states that a manager outside of Belarus is necessary due to the mail theft by postal workers. Communication between EU1EU and LY2MW will now be via the InterNet, telephone and personal contacts. For more information about the rules of "AGB Awards and Trophies" and details on the "AGB-DX-Rating", check out the Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/>
- Julio, EA5XX, reports that he is the QSL Manager of Yuri, **XE1NVX**, who has now changed his callsign to **XE1UN** and can now confirm both XE1NVX and XE1UN. He is

also the manager for: **CN8NK, CN8KD, FO0SAL, CO8LF, ED5WPX** and **EG5TID**. By the way, Julio is one of the operators going to Myanmar this week and will be part of the XZ0A team.

- Dave, NU4N, reports that he will not be the QSL Manager for Mats/**LU9AY** effective the end of January, 2000. Mats other callsigns were **L29AY** and **CP6/LU9AY**. Dave states that he will honor direct and bureau cards up to the 31st of January but will not accept any cards after that date.
- Tex, **9M2TO**, reports to OPDX that he has sent all QSLs for contacts made before December 31, 1999, to the JARL Bureau. He also adds that between 1995 and 2000 he has made 95045 QSOs (60540/CW, 32059/SSB, 2419/RTTY). Tex wants to remind everyone to look for him to make contacts for the "DXCC 2000 Millennium Award". All QSLs are automatically sent through the JARL Bureau 100%.

**SPECIAL EVENT STATION.** Art, SP3CW, reports that he and other members of the **Polish Amateur Radio Union** (PZK) have been active **since January 1st** using the special callsign **HF70PZK** to celebrate their organization's **70th anniversary**. Their activity seems to be mainly on CW. Check 14023 and 21010 kHz after 1300z. Also, check 80 meters (around 3510) between 2200 and 0300z. Look for them on 40 or 30 meters between 1330 and 1530z. QSL via the Bureau or via SP3CW: Artur Topczewski, Kolbego 48, 64-115 Swieciechowa, POLAND.

**VP8, ANTARCTICA.** The "DX News Letter" reports that Philippe, FT5YG, will be replaced by **FT5YH** on **Dumont D'Urville** (Les Petrels, **AN-017**) sometime in **January**. QSL via F5LBL: Gerard Karpe, 629 Route de Montpellier, F-30800 Saint Gilles, France.

**VP9, BERMUDA (Slight additions).** As reported last week, Bob, KE0UI, will be active from here **January 8-15th** as **VP9/KE0UI**. Activity will be CW and SSB on 80-10 meters with some activity in the **NA QSO Party** on the 8th. QSL is to the home callsign CBA (preferred) or the stateside Zero Bureau. A Web site for this operation can be viewed at:

<http://hometown.aol.com/bnorth9083/myhomepage/index.html>

OPDX INTERNET SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST: opdx-request@nshore.org  
OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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